GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several schemes to help the small and medium entrepreneurs and agriculturists are pending for implementation;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the beneficiaries in various State, State-wise;

(c) whether pineapple processing is being encouraged in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and scheme-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries gives financial assistance by way of grant upto 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas and 33.33% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas. Assistance is also extended for the purchase of raw materials from farmers with whom prior agreement is entered into and subject to certain conditions. These schemes have been designed and implemented to help the small and medium entrepreneurs and agriculturists.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Processing of fruits and vegetables, including processing of pineapple, are encouraged by the Ministry and financial assistance is extended to proposals which are considered technically feasible and financially viable.